And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE AVENGERS

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IN THE FUTURE, THE CHILDREN OF THE AVENGERS EXECUTE IMMORTUS, THE TIME-TRAVELING TERRORIST ONCE KNOWN AS KANG THE CONQUERER.

IN THE MODERN DAY, A YOUNGER VERSION OF KANG APPEARS BEFORE THE AVENGERS AND WARNS THEM THAT IN THE FUTURE THEIR CHILDREN HAVE ENDANGERED THE UNIVERSE. HE GIVES THE SUSPICIOUS HEROES COORDINATES AND BEGS THEM TO COME SAVE THE WORLD.

IN THE FUTURE, AN ELDER HULK REVEALS HIMSELF TO BE BEHIND KANG'S MYSTERIOUS ACTIONS.

IN THE MODERN DAY, THE AVENGERS COME TO KREE WARRIOR NOH-VARR, THE PROTECTOR, TO JOIN THEM AND HELP BUILD A TIME MACHINE TO DO WHAT THEY MUST DO NEXT. TONY STARK DISCOVERS THAT THE TIMESTREAM MAY HAVE BEEN BROKEN.

AS MULTIPLE TIME RIFTS OPEN UP IN FRONT OF THE AVENGERS, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT ALL OF REALITY IS VISIBLY BREAKING DOWN.

HALF OF THE AVENGERS TRAVEL FORWARD IN TIME AND ARE AMBUSHED BY THEIR FUTURE CHILDREN, THE ELDER HULK, AND A FUTURE TONY STARK. MEANWHILE, THE OTHER AVENGERS STAY BEHIND IN THE PRESENT TO DEAL WITH THE GROWING CHAOS THAT UNFOLDS ALL AROUND THEM.

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NOW.
HEY, YOU EVER HAVE ONE OF THOSE DAYS?
SURE.
I MEANT ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHERE YOU'RE SO SCARED YOU'RE PRETTY SURE YOU'RE GOING TO MESS YOUR COSTUME.
OH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT.

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO, MARIA?
WELL, HAWKEYE, HELP PEOPLE. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU AVENGERS DO?
HELP PEOPLE DO WHAT?
THIS IS--IS JUST INSANE. THIS IS JUST MADNESS.

THERE'S NO BAD GUY TO HIT. THERE'S NO WAR TO FIGHT.
THIS IS JUST-- THE WORLD IS RUINED.
EVERYTHING IS JUST--IT'S JUST RUINED!

WHOA!
HEY, THOR! WHAT'S THE PLAN? IS THERE ANY KIND OF PLAN?
HELP OTHERS!
OKAY, AND...?
AND HOPE OUR TEAMMATES SUCCEED IN THEIR QUEST.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE DOING?

OH, THAT.

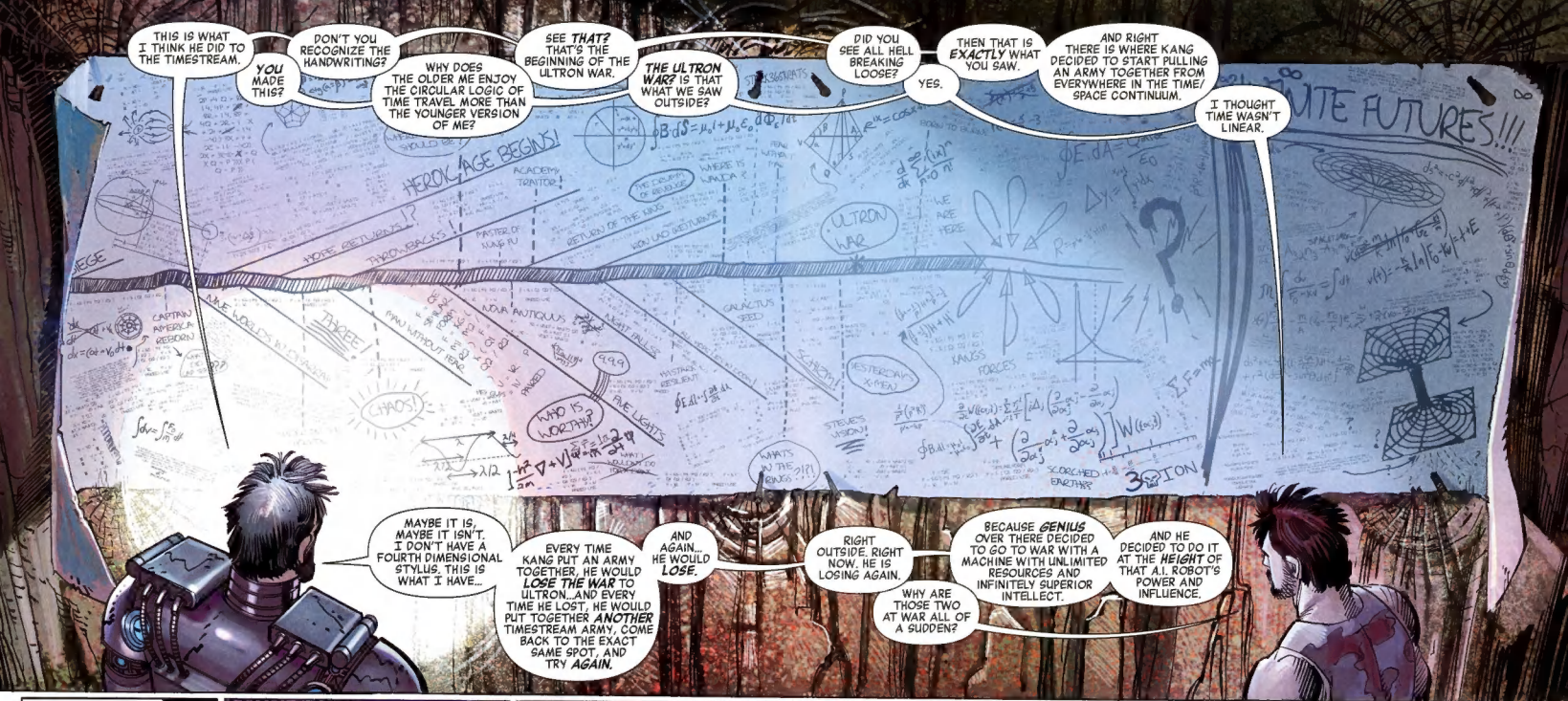
THE WORLD MAY BE BROKEN, VILE GALACTUS.
BUT IT IS STILL OUR WORLD.
HAVE AT THEE!!

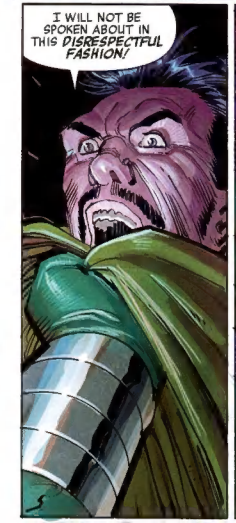
THE FUTURE.
NNAAYAGHH!!
STARK IS AWAKE.
HENCE THE SCREAMING.
THAT WAS FAST.
GOOD.
I'M TRULY SORRY ABOUT THAT, TONY.
OUR ARMOR WAS NOTHING BUT A DOORWAY FOR ULTRON TO ENTER THIS SITUATION AND DESTROY EVERYTHING WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE.
AND I KNOW YOU. KNOW MYSELF. WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW I JUST HAD TO RIP THE ARMOR BAND-AID RIGHT OFF.

WE HAVE TO KEEP IT LO-FI FROM HERE ON OUT.
IT'S OKAY.
NO, NO...
IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE TO BE CREATIVE.
NO... I-I-I-I FIXED MY ARMOR.
ULTRON COULDN'T TAKE IT OVER AGAIN. THAT WAS A ONE TIME--
WE ONLY HAVE A SHORT TIME TOGETHER, YOU AND I, AND IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT I REALLY WANT YOU TO TAKE AWAY FROM ALL THIS, IT'S THAT...
...ULTRON IS SMARTER THAN US.
TELL HIM WHAT YOU WERE JUST TELLING US.
I'M GETTING THERE, CAPTAIN.
HERE.
UGH...
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?
I PLUGGED THE HOLES IN YOUR SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE, AND I--WELL, BASICALLY I SHUT IT DOWN.
THIS IS...VERY WEIRD.
WHICH PART?
YOU TALKING TO THE OLD MAN VERSION OF YOURSELF... OR ME TALKING TO THE YOUNGER, HANDSOMER VERSION OF MYSELF?
BOTH.
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT.
TALK FASTER, STARK.
THE WHEEL IS TURNING.
YEAH, I WANT THE YOUNGER YOU TO SEE WHO YA GOT STASHED OVER HERE.

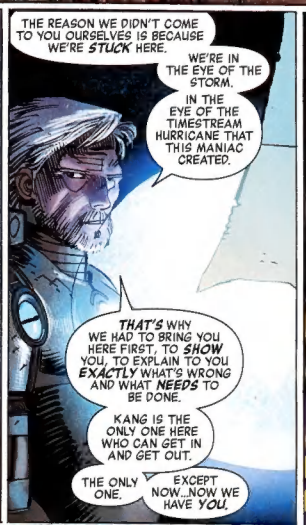
WHY IS KANG HERE?
I THOUGHT HE EXPLAINED THIS...
WE HAVE AN UNEASY ALLIANCE IS THE POLITE PHRASE.
WAIT, YOU SENT KANG?
HE DIDN'T COME ON HIS OWN?
ON HIS OWN?
I NEEDED YOU TO COME HERE, AND HE'S THE ONE WITH THE TIME MACHINE.
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST COME TO US YOURSELF? WHY THE CHARADE?
CHARADE?
KANG TOLD US THAT THESE LITTLE KID AVENGERS OF YOURS KILL HIM IN THE FUTURE.
THAT WE NEEDED TO COME HERE AND STOP IT BECAUSE THEY'RE DESTROYING THE WORLD.
NOW WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
I DID WHAT YOU WANTED. I BROUGHT YOU YOUR HEROES.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S NOT ENOUGH THAT YOU BROKE THE WORLD, KANG?!?!
I DID WHAT YOU SAID.
I GOT THEM TO COME HERE.
YOU'RE ALL SO VERY SMART...

YOU FIGURED IT OUT ANYWAY.
DIDN'T YOU?
I FIGURED OUT THAT YOU BROKE THE TIMESTREAM.
DAMN RIGHT HE DID. POPPED IT LIKE A BALLOON.
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL US THE TRUTH, KANG? WHAT ANGLE ARE YOU PLAYING THIS TIME?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT TOO.
FACED WITH ALL THAT CAN HAPPEN, FACED WITH ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE, YOU'RE STILL ACTING LIKE A WEASEL?!
UNHAND ME, MONSTER.
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THESE KIDS KILLING YOU? YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT ME.
ME!! THAT'S WHO YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT!!!
BIG MAN. KILL ME, THEN WHAT DO YOU HAVE?!
DOCTOR, YOU'RE JUST GETTING MAD AT HIM FOR ACTING LIKE HIMSELF.
EXACTLY.
IT'S LIKE GETTING MAD AT A DOG FOR POOPING.
TELL THE TRUTH!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, BANNER.
NONE OF US DO.
FOCUS.
HE'S RIGHT.
HE'S TOMORROW'S PROBLEM...
IF THERE IS A TOMORROW.
EXACTLY.
WHAT CAN WE DO?
LOOK AT THIS.


THIS IS WHAT I THINK HE DID TO THE TIMESTREAM.
YOU MADE THIS?
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE HANDWRITING?
WHY DOES THE OLDER ME ENJOY THE CIRCULAR LOGIC OF TIME TRAVEL MORE THAN THE YOUNGER VERSION OF ME?
SEE THAT? THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE ULTRON WAR.
THE ULTRON WAR? IS THAT WHAT WE SAW OUTSIDE?
DID YOU SEE ALL HELL BREAKING LOOSE?
YES.
THEN THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAW.
AND RIGHT THERE IS WHERE KANG DECIDED TO START PULLING AN ARMY TOGETHER FROM EVERYWHERE IN THE TIME/SPACE CONTINUUM.
I THOUGHT TIME WASN'T LINEAR.
MAYBE IT IS, MAYBE IT ISN'T. I DON'T HAVE A FOURTH DIMENSIONAL STYLUS. THIS IS WHAT I HAVE...
EVERY TIME KANG PUT AN ARMY TOGETHER, HE WOULD LOSE THE WAR TO ULTRON...AND EVERY TIME HE LOST, HE WOULD PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER TIMESTREAM ARMY, COME BACK TO THE EXACT SAME SPOT, AND TRY AGAIN.
AND AGAIN... HE WOULD LOSE.
RIGHT OUTSIDE. RIGHT NOW. HE IS LOSING AGAIN.
WHY ARE THOSE TWO AT WAR ALL OF A SUDDEN?
BECAUSE GENIUS OVER THERE DECIDED TO GO TO WAR WITH A MACHINE WITH UNLIMITED RESOURCES AND INFINITELY SUPERIOR INTELLECT.
AND HE DECIDED TO DO IT AT THE HEIGHT OF THAT A.I. ROBOT'S POWER AND INFLUENCE.


I WILL NOT BE SPOKEN ABOUT IN THIS DISRESPECTFUL FASHION!

SURE YOU WILL.
SMACK


THE REASON WE DIDN'T COME TO YOU OURSELVES IS BECAUSE WE'RE STUCK HERE.
WE'RE IN THE EYE OF THE STORM.
IN THE EYE OF THE TIMESTREAM HURRICANE THAT THIS MANIAC CREATED.
THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO BRING YOU HERE FIRST, TO SHOW YOU, TO EXPLAIN TO YOU EXACTLY WHAT'S WRONG AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
KANG IS THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO CAN GET IN AND GET OUT.
THE ONLY ONE.
EXCEPT NOW...NOW WE HAVE YOU.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TRAPPED?

THERE WAS A MOVIE THAT CAME OUT 100 YEARS AGO--A MAN--A MAN WAS FORCED TO LIVE THE SAME DAY OVER AND OVER--WHAT WAS IT CALLED?

GROUNDHOG DAY.

THAT'S US.
WE'RE TRAPPED HERE.
AND WE'RE TRAPPED BEING THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE WAR THAT CAN'T BE WON.
ALLIED WITH THE IDIOT THAT CAUSED ALL THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

CAN YOU FEEL IT?
IT'S STARTING AGAIN.
YOU'RE WASTING TIME INSULTING ME. AND IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN.

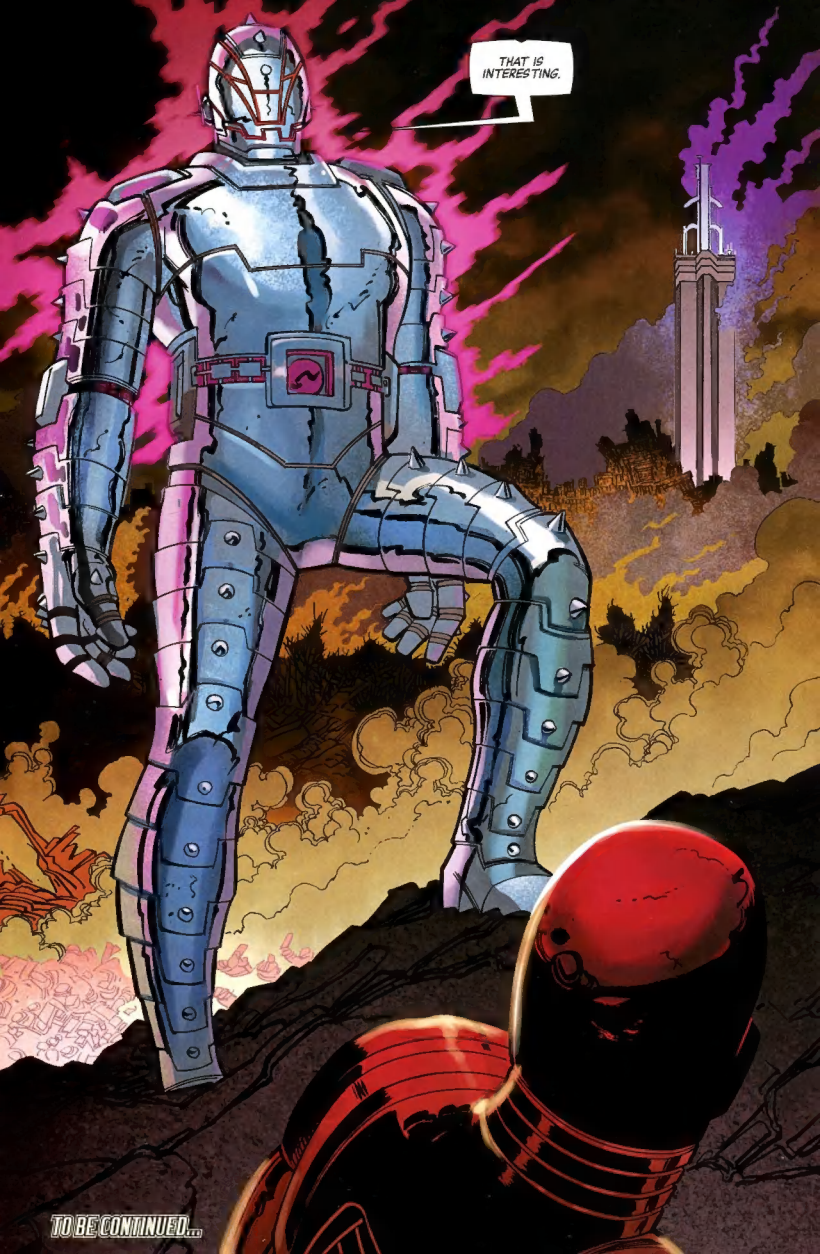
THE TIMESTREAM IS FOLDING ON ITSELF AGAIN!
LISTEN CAREFULLY, THERE, THAT'S IT. RIGHT THERE.
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS AGAIN!
OH, GOD!!
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS!
JEEZ!
THIS!
THIS HAS TO BE THE BREAK IN THE TIMESTREAM.
AIM FOR THAT!
STOP HIM THERE.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
DID YOU SEE THAT?
IT WON'T WORK!

WHICH CAPTAIN MARVEL ARE YOU?
I'M NOT CAPTAIN MARVEL.
THEN WHO ARE YOU?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS?
NO.
THIS IS NOH-VARR. THIS IS THE PROTECTOR.
I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT IS.
TELL THEM WHAT TO DO!
TELL THEM EXACTLY WHAT TO DO!
IF THIS IS THE FUTURE VERSION OF YOU, HOW WOULD HE NOT KNOW ME?
SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE!
HOW WOULD HE NOT KNOW HE'S MET ME?
THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION.
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
YOU'RE NOT FROM MY PAST.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!
TELL THEM WHAT TO DO!
IT'S HAPPENING!
BOBBI.
BE OKAY.
YOU.
DON'T. YOU SEE? IT'S YOU.
YOU ARE THE THING THAT IS DIFFERENT THIS TIME.
YOU ARE THE THING THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM OUR PAST.
YOU HAVE TO GO FIND THE MOMENT BEFORE-- JUST BEFORE HE BREAKS THE TIMESTREAM AND STOP HIM FROM DOING IT.

HEY, I HAVE A QUESTION...
WHAT THE @#$@#$ HELL?
I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY THAT, SWEAR TO GOD.
EXCEPT THE POTTY MOUTH.

WHAT?!
I THINK-- I THINK SOME OF US ACTUALLY JUST TIME-TRAVELED BACK TO THIS MOMENT.
WHO DID? WHAT?
HE'S RIGHT, MARIA!
WHAT?
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN CAREFULLY. TELL THOR AND THE OTHERS TO JUST HOLD GROUND.
APOCALYPSE IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR IN ABOUT A MINUTE.
WHERE IS HE GOING TO GO?
ELSEWHERE.
HE'S LOST IN THE TIMESTREAM. THIS IS JUST A STOP.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT?
SOMETHING'S GOING ON.
AND YOU KNOW THIS BECAUSE--?
I TOLD YOU! WE WERE ALREADY HERE AND--
WAS I?
NO. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR YOU.
I PROMISE I WILL EXPLAIN IT ALL WHEN WE GET BACK.
I WILL DRAW YOU PICTURES, I WILL USE PUPPETS...BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, YOU HAVE TO JUST LISTEN TO ME.

AIN'T NOBODY TALKING THIS TIME.
AIN'T WE.
AND WE AIN'T EXACTLY THE RATTLIN' TYPE.
AND NOBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IF IT AIN'T TOO LATE TO FIX THIS.
GUESS WE'RE ALL JUST A LITTLE RATTLED.
NO, WE ARE NOT.
IT'S TIME.
IS YOUR ARMOR SHUT OFF?
DO IT.
I'M READY.
GET US WHERE WE NEED TO GO.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